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SUBJECT: NEW ROMANIAN IDEOLOGICAL MEASURES

1. SUMMARY. SCINTEIA (SEPTEMBER 19, 1976) HAS PUBLISHED RESUME OF IDEOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDA MEASURES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY POLEXCO (SEPTEMBER 15, 1976) AND DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT REFORMS SUGGESTED AT JUNE CULTURAL CONGRESS. THERE IS MUCH REORGANIZATION OF LOCAL PARTY PROPAGANDA APPARATUS AND GREAT DEAL OF REAFFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AIMS AND GOALS, BUT MOST IMPORTANT REFORMS APPEAR TO BE IN EDUCATION AREA WHERE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN MANUAL LABOR AND PRODUCTION IS INCREASED AND EXPANDED. IN ADDITION NEW YOUTH ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARDEN CHILDREN (4-7 YEARS OF AGE) HAS BEEN CREATED. THIS IS CEAUSESCU'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO MOLD ROMANIAN SOCIETY IN IMAGE OF HIS "NEW MAN",

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INCULCATE IT WITH "LOVE OF WORK" AND CLEANSE IT OF "BOURGEOISE"

REMNANTS. IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OCCASION A GREAT DEAL OF ACTIVITY AND MUCH DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY COMING AS IT DOES AT BEGINNING OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR, BUT ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR A SOCIETY GENERALLY INURED TO SUCH EFFORTS IS NOT LIKELY TO BE A LASTING ONE. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW PROGRAM OF MEASURES IN IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS (SCINTEIA, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976) WAS ELABORATED "UNDER DIRECT LEADERSHIP" OF CEAUSESCU, ACCORDING TO PROGRAM PROLOGUE. PROGRAM WILL NOW BE DISCUSSED AT JUDET PARTY LEVEL, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE SENT TO RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) FOR APPROVAL. PROGRAM IS FOLLOW-UP TO JUNE CULTURAL CONGRESS AND INDICATIVE OF PCR'S STEPPED-UP INTEREST IN THIS AREA FOLLOWING CEAUSESCU'S CRITICISM OF CC IDEOLOGICAL APPARATUS AT CULTURAL CONGRESS AND HIS SUBSEQUENT ASSUMPTION OF LEADERSHIP OF CC IDEOLOGICAL COMMISSION.

3. EVERY JUDET (INCLUDING BUCHAREST), CITY, COMMUNE AND ENTERPRISE OR INSTITUTION WILL NOW HAVE A COUNCIL OF POLITICAL EDUCATION AND SOCIALIST CULTURE (A PARTY-STATE ORGAN), HEADED BY PARTY PROPAGANDA SECRETARY OR HIS ASSISTANT, WHICH WILL ORGANIZE "IN A UNITARY MANNER" THE ENTIRE RANGE OF IDEOLOGICAL-PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS. PARTY AND UTC IDEOLOGICAL COURSES ARE REORGANIZED INTO A THREE-YEAR CYCLE AND TAILORED MORE CLOSELY TO NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS, ACCORDING TO THEIR PROFESSION OR FIELD OF STUDY. COURSES FOR NON-PARTY MEMBERS WILL BE ORGANIZED BY FRONT OF SOCIALIST UNITY AND TRADE UNIONS. IN ADDITION A YET-TO-BE DEFINED "POLITICAL AND LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY" IS ESTABLISHED, APPARENTLY WITH BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

4. A NEW YOUTH ORGANIZATION, "FALCONS OF THE COUNTRY", IS CREATED, UNDER AUSPICES OF PIONEERS,(,59 3, 743 5#3 "INCLUSION FROM A TENDER AGE OF CHILDREN IN THE PROCESS OF COMMUNIST EDUCATION". PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM 4-7 YEARS OF AGE WILL MAKE UP ITS MEMBERSHIP AND ARE TO BE PREPARED "IN AN ORGANIZED MANNER" FOR THEIR FUTURE SCHOOL WORK AND ENTRY INTO PIONEERS.  
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5. ELSEWHERE IN PROGRAM, WRITERS, ARTISTS, ACTORS, AND COMPOSERS ARE CALLED UPON TO DEVOTE MORE OF THEIR FREE TIME AND VACATIONS TO STAGING PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS, AS WELL AS TO INJECT SOCIALIST IDEALS INTO THEIR WORK, AND INCREASE THEIR INTERACTION WITH MASSES. CRITICS ARE TO ANALYZE CAREFULLY FOREIGN LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS TO COMBAT RETROGRADE MANIFESTATIONS AND OBSCURANTISM OF

BOURGEOISE CULTURE. IN ADDITION MEASURES ARE TO BE TAKEN BY THE UTC AND THE CREATIVE UNIONS TO ENSURE OBLIGATORY ENROLLMENT OF "YOUTH WHO ASPIRE TOWARDS ARTISTIC CREATION" AS WELL AS THOSE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES INTO "SOCIALLY-USEFUL" ACTIVITY, CORRESPONDING TO THEIR TRAINING. RADIO-TV, FILMS, AND NEWS MEDIA ARE URGED TO UP-GRADE THEIR PRESENTATIONS AND STEP UP THEIR COMBATIVENESS. A NATIONAL FESTIVAL, ENTITLED "SONG OF ROMANIA" IS TO BE ORGANIZED BEGINNING IN OCTOBER AND CONTINUING INTO JUNE 1977 IN HONOR OF ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL. THEREAFTER IT WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY TWO YEARS. FRONT OF SOCIALIST UNITY IS TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN SPREADING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING COMBATTING MYSTICISM AND RETROGRADE MANIFESTATIONS, I.E., RELIGION.

6. "IN SPITE OF CSCE DOCUMENTS", A NEW ORGANIZATION, THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PROMOTION OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER PEOPLES" (WHOSE PRECISE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT YET CLEAR) IS CREATED TO CONTRIBUTE TO EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CULTURAL AND INFORMATION EXCHANGES. ROMANIAN CULTURE IS TO BE MORE ACTIVELY PROMOTED ABROAD WITH MORE BOOKS TRANSLATED AND EXPORTED. ALSO NO ROMANIAN THEATRE GROUP CAN TRAVEL ABROAD WITHOUT INCLUDING ROMANIAN WORKS IN ITS REPERTORY.

7. IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD CAMPAIGN TO INTEGRATE EDUCATION, PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH IS STEPPED UP. AS EARLY AS 5TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL NOW BEGIN PRODUCTIVE WORK IN SCHOOL ATELIERS LINKED BY CONTRACT TO LOCAL INDUSTRY. UPON ENTRY INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL (LICEUL) WORK WILL BE DONE DIRECT AT WORK SITE FOR PERIODS OF FROM 2-6 WEEKS AT A TIME, A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR WHEN SEVERAL HOURS A WEEK WERE DEVOTED TO ON SITE PRODUCTIVE WORK. FORMER SYSTEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS INEFFICIENT AND NOW WORK AND SCHOOL PERIODS ARE MORE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT. FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDENTS WORK IS LINKED TO THEIR FIELD OF STUDY. HOWEVER, FOR THOSE IN LIBERAL ARMC OR SOCIAL SCIENCE THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE; THERE THE PRIMARY OBJECT IS TO PROVIDE A SKILL FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT GO ON TO UNIVERSITY EDUCATION. APPARENTLY ALL RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL NOW SPECIALIZE IN AGRICULTURAL TRAINING, WHICH WOULD SEEM TO SEVERELY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEASANT YOUTH WHO WISH TO ENTER INDUSTRY OR OTHER FIELDS. ALL TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS ARE EXPECTED, PARALLEL WITH THEIR PROFESSIONAL WORK, "TO TAKE PART IN THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY." IN ADDITION, ONCE AGAIN THERE WILL BE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES MADE WITH RESPECT TO LINKS

BETWEEN RESEARCH INSTITUTES, THE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCES AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

8. COMMENT: MUCH OF ABOVE IS NOT NEW AND PRIMARILY  
INVOLVES REORGANIZATION OF EXISTING ORGANS AND DUTIES  
AND REAFFIRMATION OF PREVIOUSLY STATED GOALS. NEVER-  
THELESS, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT ROMANIAN SOCIETY IS AGAIN  
ABOUT TO ENTER A PERIOD OF INCREASED IDEOLOGICAL AGITATION.  
THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE USUAL BURST OF ACTIVITY AND  
RHETORIC, SOME DISRUPTION AND MUCH CONFUSION, BUT IT IS  
UNLIKELY THAT THESE OR ANY OTHER REFORMS WILL MOLD THE  
SOCIETY INTO THAT DESIRED BY CEAUSESCU. A CURRENT  
JOKE MAKING THE ROUNDS ASKS WITH P.C.R. (ROMANIAN INITIALS  
FOR THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY) STANDS FOR. THE ANSWER  
IS PILE (PULL), CUNOSTINTE (ACQUAINTANCES) AND RELATII  
(FAMILY), ALL OF WHICH CAN BE COUNTED ON TO DAMPEN THE  
EFFECT OF THESE NEW MEASURES, AS THEY HAVE OLD ONES IN  
THE PAST.  
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